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Elba City Council continues with plan to sell old school property

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council took action last week moving a step closer to selling a portion of the old school complex.

There is approximately 54 acres in the property. This includes the former elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the football stadium and former superintendent's office.

The council heard Gene Eastburn explain a possible way of dividing the property into 11 parcels, selling some and retaining those the council wished to retain. Eastburn noted the plan gave each parcel access to a public road.

At the request of Councilman John W. Sharpless, the old band room, presently being used by the Elba Singles Club, was drawn out as a 12th parcel. This will allow the city to sell (or otherwise use) the surrounding property but retain this

area.

Following a lengthy discussion and some modifications to the original plan, the council instructed Eastburn to go forward with securing accurate descriptions on four parcels of the property. They include the elementary school; the middle school; a parcel between the elementary school and Cook Chevrolet; and a small, narrow parcel across Dixon Street from the middle school (actually behind Cook Chevrolet).

Council member Earl McCollough abstained, noting he had never voted to sell any city owned property. These plans will be presented back to the city council, which must then set a sale date for the public auction and make plans to advertise the sale date.

Council member Earl McCollough wanted to withhold the parcel between Cook and the school. He reminded the council of earlier plans to light this for teenage parking in an effort to draw them away from business areas where there have been

complaints of their littering and/or noise.

Mayor Ricky Haywood noted this property should bring a good price and the money could be used to develop a park area elsewhere.

No final decision was made on selling any of the property. Haywood said any sale date was at least three or four months down the road. The council will retain the right to refuse any and all bids, even after deciding to officially offer the property for sale.

McCollough then presented the council with a proposal to seek state or federal funding to convert the former high school auditorium and gym into a civic center complex. The plan he presented and asked council blessings for was addressed to Alabama Governor Fob James. It estimated the cost of the project at \$1,500,000. It would include the auditorium and foyer area, adjacent rooms and gymnasium.

The tentative name of the project is the **Eris Freeman Paul Memorial**

Civic Center, Recreational Complex and Hall Of Fame.

McCollough said he felt anyone who had walked the halls of Elba High would want to contribute to the matching money part of the project.

Haywood noted the Chamber of Commerce was awaiting approval of historical grant funds to renovate the old Coffee County jail. He added however that he would like to see both projects done.

The council approved officially requesting a grant. Toward that end, the mayor appointed McCollough chairman of a committee to pursue these projects. He will work with Haywood and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Hudson.

Police Chief Max Hooks reported the department had responded to 26 complaints, including two thefts. They issued 11 traffic citations and made nine criminal arrests. There were three automobile accidents investigated during this period, but no reported injuries.

The animal control officer picked up 22 dogs. Two were returned to their owners. Hooks responded to a question from McCollough about the recently passed boom box ordinance. He noted he had asked The Elba Clipper to warn possible violators that the ordinance would be enforced, beginning with a couple of weeks of warning tickets.

Hooks asked for and received authorization to hire an additional police officer under the federal program which pays 75% of the salary and related costs. He said no federal money has been received, but they have issued a "control number" for Elba to use when requesting reimbursement of funds spent on the project.

Hooks explained this is a three year program and after that time, all the cost would revert to the city. He explained that savings already recorded in the police department budget would pay the 25% matching portion this year.

Hooks told council members he had interviewed a female, experienced law enforcement officer and was considering hiring her when they gave approval for the additional slot.

Doris Taylor, director of the local public library addressed the council with a report of a \$3,000 grant available, also on a matching basis. Council members asked her to wait for official approval until the next council meeting to allow them time to review the budget and availability of funds. This would cost the city an additional \$1,000.

Mayor Haywood brought up the matter of attorney fees paid by the city, voicing his opinion that they were much to high and something must be done. Council members were given a summary of the legal

fees for the past five years. These cost ranged from a low of \$13,000 to \$55,000 in 1994.

Haywood said he wanted the council to have some input but "I think it is time to reduce this amount."

Council member Bill Brunson asked if these figures included the expense of prosecuting city cases in District Court. Haywood said it did include these charges.

Brunson then said they should be comparing apples with apples. There are three separate components in the legal fees, he added. They are prosecuting cases, defense cost for the well publicized law suits and then general legal services.

Brunson said it would give a clearer picture if prosecuting expense was under the police department budget.

Haywood questioned why the city paid the city attorney for work on the law suits, when they insurance for that purpose. He was reminded that originally the insurance company had said they would pay those cost because it was cheaper than sending a lawyer from Montgomery.

The mayor said he felt it would be better to hire a separate person to serve as prosecutor for city cases. He also recommended setting a flat monthly fee for legal services and finding someone who would work for that amount.

Haywood appointed a committee of Brad Wilson, Bill Brunson and Earl McCollough to look into the attorney fees.

City Clerk Henry Clark reviewed the financial report with the council.

He noted it was generally good, council members had a question or two about individual entries and Clark promised to get an answer.

Haywood reported the annual business licenses purchases had exceeded budget estimates. He added that there some not paid but letters had been sent to these businesses. He added that at least one doesn't look right and that was being reviewed.

The council approved Clark's request that the April 1st pay raise would be effective on Friday March 31st, as that was the start of the work week.

The city council approved Clark's request to seek bids on a new dump truck.

Clark told council members the last dump truck had been bulled behind the barn after the transmission failed again. "I don't want to spend any more on it," Clark told the council.

A new truck is expected to cost between \$30 and \$35 thousand. Clark also reported he is working with the Chamber of Commerce and state officials to land a new employer in Elba. The firm will use 25-30 acres of land and will work 75 people within three years.

The council instructed Clark to tell the firm they would work with them on the industrial property across from the airport. This is the area where the school trailers were set up following the 1990 flood.

A bill for \$2036 was approved for flood insurance on the library, senior citizens center and rescue squad building.

The council also approved a \$8,421 payment for the annual audit.

Sen. Howell Heflin to retire at the end of present term

In reading a prepared statement before the U. S. Senate last Wednesday, March 29, Sen. Howell Heflin announced that he was retiring.

"I have decided not to seek reelection in 1996 and to retire from elective office at the end of my term," said Sen. Heflin. "Simply put, the time to pass the torch to another generation is near."

Heflin stated that he had undergone a series of medical examinations by specialists in recent months and that his overall health is good. They assured him that he faced no predictable crisis.

The Senator said that he simply wanted to enjoy the remainder of his days living in his hometown of Tusculum, Alabama.

"It is a wonderful little town to be from and it is the best little town in America to go home to," said Heflin. Prior to his being elected to the U.S. Senate, Heflin served as Chief

Justice of Alabama for six years. At the completion of his present term, Heflin will have served eighteen years in the U.S. Senate.

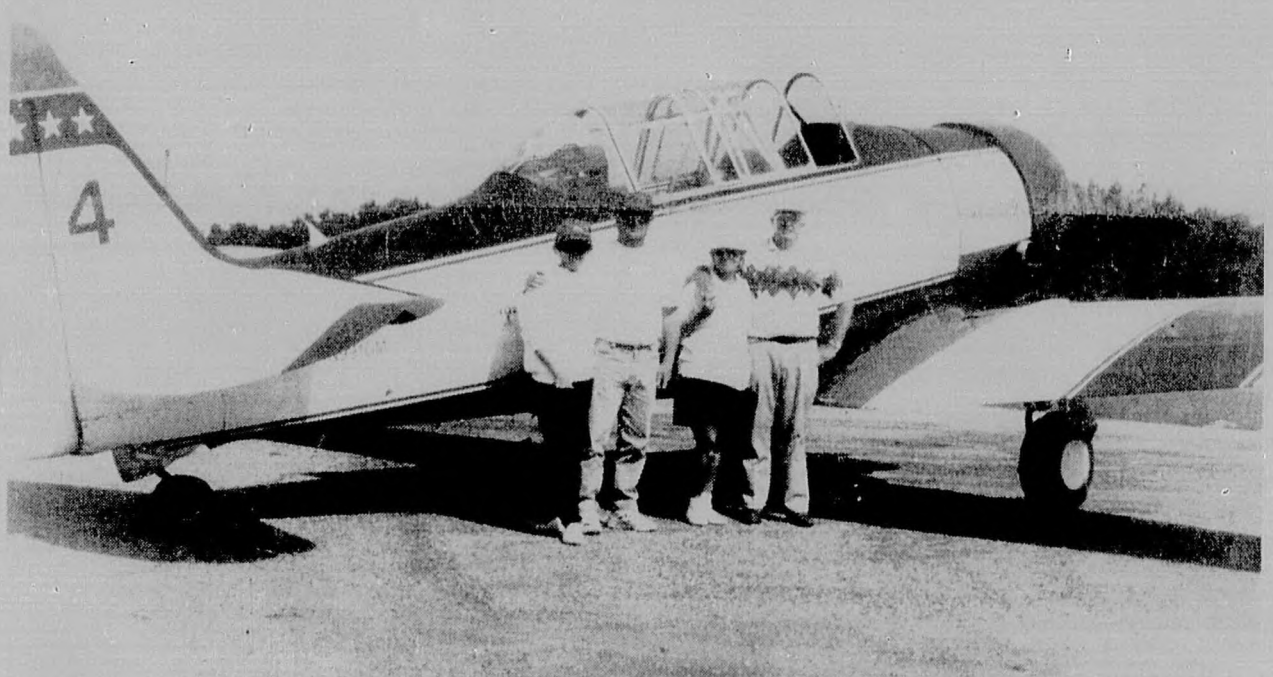
"I have endeavored to represent Alabama in a studied, impartial and fair-minded manner. My record certainly indicates at least an independent streak," said Heflin.

"I hope Alabamians know that my decisions were based on positions of what I thought were in the best interest of my state and nation."

He concluded with, "I thank my Creator for the blessing of health during my three score and thirteen years thus far, and for having the opportunity to serve this great nation and my fellow citizens."

Senator Richard Shelby, commenting on Heflin's decision, said, "Sen. Howell Heflin has been a

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HISTORY CAME ROARING OUT OF THE SKY... Monday afternoon as two World War II North American Advanced Trainers, T-6s, buzzed Elba and then landed at the Carl Folsom Airport to refuel. *The Elba Clipper's* editor, Marvin McIlwain, just happened to catch a glimpse of the two airplanes as they were making their approach to the airport and with camera in hand, took off to check 'em out. The planes were piloted by Gene McNeely of Earle, AR and Lynn Gibson of Marianna, AR. They were accompanied by their wives, Iris McNeely and Joyce Gibson. The two couples were enroute to the big air show which is held in Lakeland, FL each year. James Ross Pool and Mary & Mary Gray, along with their son, happen to be at the airport when the two vintage airplanes got to examine them up close. After fueling up, the McNeelys and Gibsons went flying off into the wild blue yonder, but before leaving the area, the two planes made a low pass over the airport with engines roaring and smoke billowing. Wonder what the helicopter pilots flying around in the area thought when they saw the two vintage airplanes go roaring pass!!!! Pictured above are (l-r): Iris & Gene McNeely and Joyce & Lynn Gibson.

Coffee County's Farm-City Committee wins

Farm-City Committees in Coffee, Chambers and Randolph counties were honored as having the best overall 1994 Farm-City Week observances.

This year's 1995 Alabama Farm of Distinction Award went to Glenview Farms in Blount County. The 1,200-acre cattle, hay and poultry operation is owned and operated by Glenn and Bonnie Jones.

In awards for the 1994 Farm-City activities, the farm-city committees in Coffee and Chambers counties

ted for top honors as best overall in Division I, which includes counties with populations over 35,600.

The Coffee County committee, headed by Bob Helms, was judged "best" in the proclamation and Farm-City dinner categories and runner-up in special activities.

Pike County, Coffee's neighbor to the north, was cited as runner up for the best overall award in Division II, and was judged tops in the tour and media coverage categories.

The committees in Coffee, Cham-

bers and Cullman counties also were presented national Farm-City awards.

Farm-City Week is observed nationally each year the week before Thanksgiving as a way to help bridge the gap between rural and urban residents.

Dorsey Trailers Inc., recognized for safety

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. received recognition from the Business Council of Alabama at its annual Safety Awards Luncheon last Friday, March 30, in Birmingham. The Elba business received the Award of Excellence for zero accidents.

Dorsey Trailers was among several businesses and industries that were recognized for continued improvement in various safety categories by the statewide business association.

"BCA is proud to promote safety in the workplace and this company is a fine example of corporate to employee safety," said "CA President E. Clark Richardson.

Each year, the Business Council of Alabama presents safety awards in recognition of those businesses that successfully achieve outstanding safety records and provide a safe work environment for their employees.

BCA is a statewide nonprofit organization representing approximately 5,000 businesses and industries.

Kendra Cole finalist in handwriting contest

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

A student at New Brockton Elementary School in New Brockton is a finalist in the National Handwriting Contest.

Kendra Cole, a student in Ms. Jean Wakefield's fifth grade class will now compete for the title of Grand Champion. Kendra is the daughter of Charles and Barbara Cole of New Brockton. Mr. Cole serves as principal of the New Brockton Elementary School.

The National Handwriting Contest is sponsored by Zaner-Bloser and Parker Pen and is open to all students grades 1-6.

Zaner-Bloser is the nation's leading publisher of handwriting texts for students in grades K-8. Parker Pen is among the best-known writing instrument brand names in the world.

Over 40,000 students competed in this contest nation wide, and only 180 have been selected as national finalists. Kendra was one of those selected.

From among the finalists, six national winners (one from each in grades 1-6) will receive a \$500 savings bond and an award certificate.

In addition, each national winner, his or her teacher and classmates also will receive National Handwri-

ting Contest T-shirts and Parker Pens.

One Grand Champion will be selected from among the national winners. He or she will see our nation's best-known handwriting signatures in person on an all-expense-paid trip

to Washington, D.C., including a stop at the National Archives to view the Declaration of Independence.

Congratulations are in order for Kendra on her accomplishment and best wishes in the nationals.



ALREADY A WINNER...Kendra Cole (center) is pictured above with her father and principal, Charles Cole (left) and her teacher Jean Wakefield (right) as she received notification that she was a finalist.

APRIL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Alabama's Senior Senator Howell Heflin has ended the speculation and said officially that he isn't running for re-election. This news has brought out the want-a-bes out of the woodwork. Add to that the dreams of the Republicans to get another from their party to join (new) Republican Senator Richard Shelby and it all makes for another exciting campaign. We read with great interest the estimated retirement check Mr. Heflin will draw. There has been a lot of talk about how sweet the judicial retirement program is in Alabama and here is a prime example. The Senator (former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) will draw more from his judge's retirement than he would from his 17 years in the U. S. Senate! No, you don't really want to know just how much more.

Legislative term limits did not survive a recent vote in the U. S. Congress. There was a lot of talk during campaign time, but after getting on the inside, the winning candidates decided it was a nice warm place to stay. Now the only term limit is that which is imposed by the voters. However, voters are overwhelmed with expensive campaigns from well heeled incumbents and the circle starts over again. Still... we hold the key to the term limit issue.

Fl. Rucker as a site for consolidated helicopter training isn't "on the table" right now, according to Representative Terry Everett. He says the short time left for debating the 1995 base closing issue precludes scheduling hearings on this particular subject right now. The positive side is the matter was given more honest thought this time around than at any previous time it has been proposed on the national level.

We saw a headline this week "Brain that misplaced its body." Now this wasn't in one of the weekly tabloids which specialize in such stuff, but in the respected Discover magazine. We haven't opened the cover on our copy yet, but hope to find out soon what that teaser headline means... like maybe tonight when we first hit the easy chair!

Another birthday has rolled around for this writer. Tuesday is the official date, but that is also a long work day at our office. Therefore Hedy decided to pay her respects to the elderly on Monday evening. She left work a few minutes before me, which didn't sound any alarms because it isn't unusual for one of us to do that. When I stepped in the back door some time later, the stereo was playing one of my old Guy Lombardo LP's, candles were lit, balloons were hanging from the chandelier, a Easter motif centerpiece was on the table, a fancy table cloth covered the table and there was place mats with matching, real napkins on the table. The "good" company dishes were set over so proper and the roast beef and carrots were delicious. That warm, fresh coconut pound cake capped the evening in a delightful manner. See, someone cares for me!

How old is that Lombardo LP? The price sticker is still on it... \$2.50. The sales pitch on the jacket is tooing HI-FI. This was the first recording the Royal Canadians did in this "new" great sound. That 33 RPM record has been around for several years!

There have been no big winners in the Florida lottery during the last several weeks. This has resulted in a big, big jackpot. We heard some folks deciding this week exactly what they were going to do next week AFTER they pick their winning numbers. The folks in our Graceville, FL office are having friends and family call from out of state requesting they buy some "quick pick" lottery tickets and send them on up. Each one is being told to remember just who purchased the ticket IF it does actually win.

Our daughter Michele and her husband Tom have just returned from a vacation trip to Europe. Needless to say she heard words of caution from Hedy as the date for boarding that plane in Atlanta got closer. I am glad the airliner which caught fire in New York this weekend was after their return. Even though it was a different airline, the anxiety level around here would have gone up a notch or line.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 28, 1995 through April 3, 1995.

They were: Eva Matthews, Gladys Clark, Cola Carley, William Jones, Brian Luckett, Dessie Williams, Betty Driggers, Vinson Hammonds, Antonio Hill, Gladys Smart, William Taylor, Irene Lamplie, Inez Weeks, Dorothy Williams, Martha Jo Semmonelle, Johnnie Otter, and Marzee Hodge.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Debra Samuel, Antonio Hill, Gladys Smart, Button Bryant, Myrtle Hudson, Irene Lamplie, Dorothy Williams, Betty Driggers, William Taylor, Darnette Hattaway, Carolyn Taylor, Doug Shiver, Kayla Johnson, Peggy Senn, William Jones, Cola Carley, Eva Matthews, Joseph Stewart, David Marler, Dessie Williams, Alberta Martin, Brian Luckett, Vinson Hammonds, Buddy Parrish, Orice Nelson, and Martha Jo Semmonelle.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

MARCH 28 Thru APRIL 3, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, March 28, 1995, investigated the following incidents: two assaults, one cat bite, two burglaries, two possessions of a forged instrument, one criminal mischief, and one failure to appear.

The following arrests were made during the week: two for harassment, three for failure to appear, and one for assault.

The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding, one for an expired tag, one for revoked driver's license, one for reckless driving, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 - River stage - 6.75 feet (6:42 a.m.); Wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (10:41 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Brookdale Ave. (2:44 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 413 (7:17 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of other sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP. - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call 897-1800-72-123.
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon.
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA MINISTERS ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:15 p.m., City Hall.
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 p.m., City Hall (after City Council meeting).
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m., Supr. Office.
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m., Rescue Squad Building.
MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, 7 p.m., Band Room @ Elba High School.
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30. New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-2555.
COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERATIVES ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m., Club House.
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room.
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Dracoll banger.

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PALS Take Trip To ZOO



On March 16, thirty-one Elba High School and elementary students involved in the PALS program enjoyed a trip to the Montgomery Zoo. The students, along with the PALS sponsor Donna Clark, left at 8:00 a.m., arriving at the zoo about 10:00. After taking a group picture and having a quick snack at the picnic area, the students entered the zoo. They quickly separated to go and find their favorite animals. With two hours to spend at the zoo, there was time to see most of the animals. There were snakes, alligators, tigers, lions, etc. Each student had a favorite. One student who especially liked the monkeys said that by clapping, they had one of the monkeys dancing. After seeing the animals, a picnic lunch was shared by all the students before their trip home. Although seeing the animals was a fun thing to do, just being with the other friends on the trip was also a highlight.



FBLA Members Attend District Meeting...Pictured above (l to r) are Lisa Williams, Annie Austin, Andy Daugherty, Jenny Ross, Jason Jordan, and Wendy Boutwell.

Tiger Tales

Editor:
Elena Strong
Co-Editor:
Patrick Scarborough



Seniors Receive Scholarships

**Jonathan Ross, an 18 year old senior, recently received a college scholarship. As he enters Troy State University in the fall, he will have four years of tuition covered by the Chancellor's Award Scholarship. Jonathan's award was granted based on his ACT score and academic excellence throughout high school.

**Elena Strong, an 18 year old senior, was recently selected for two University of Alabama scholarships. Based on her high school leadership activities, Elena received the University of Alabama National Alumni Leadership Scholarship which covers tuition for her freshman year. She was also chosen to receive the Myrtle Berry Bullen and Omer Bullen Scholarship. This award was made contingent upon her enrollment in the U of A's College of Human Environmental Sciences and provides \$1000 each year for four years. Elena will begin school in the fall.

**Carrie Bradley, a 17 year old senior, was recently awarded the Excellence

Whatever... by Whomever

*Band Day Pageants are April 7.
*Band Day is April 8 at EHS.
*The EHS Baseball Team will play Andalusia here on April 7 and Arion here on April 10. Both games begin at 4:00.
*Report cards go home on April 19.
*There will be an English Tournament at EHS on April 21.
*The Jr./Sr. Prom will be held on April 22.

VICA Spotlight



Pictured above are William Morrow (left) and Costellus Lawrence.

Costellus Lawrence recently placed first at the District 4 VICA contest in Auto-service Technology at Wallace College in Dothan, AL. He will represent Elba High School at the State VICA contest April 21 and 22. Joining Costellus will be William Morrow who will be participating in Motorcycle Technology.

Elba City Schools Menu April 10-13, 1995

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Hotdog, French Fries, Field Peas, Dessert, Milk.
Tuesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk.
Thursday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Turkey & Dressing, Dumpplings, Garden Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit, Milk.
Friday - Holiday.	Friday - Holiday.

Winners At District Contest

Shakeitha Williams, Shalandra Rogers, Amy Sasser, Missy McDaniels, and Charlie Driggers are all members of Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) and participate in the Cooperative Education program by working at Dorsey Trailers in the afternoons. Based on their work, they receive individual grades from their supervisors each six weeks.



Pictured above (l to r) are Missy McDaniels, Charlie Driggers, Shakeitha Williams, Shalandra Rogers, and Amy Sasser.

FFA Individual Winner

The Elba FFA Livestock Judging Team competed in the Coffee County contest on March 9, 1995. The other high schools competing were New Brockton, Enterprise, and Zion Chapel. Enterprise High School was awarded first place, Elba High School second place, Zion Chapel third place, and New Brockton fourth. Pictured above is Leigh Kelley who won high individual in the contest. Congratulations to the winning teams. Also we would like to thank Boyd Farms and Kilcrease Farms for allowing the FFA to display their animals at the contest.



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TALK ABOUT BIG TURNIPS...Pictured above is Billy Tindol of New Brockton with two LARGE size turnips. The turnip on the left measured 32" around and weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz; the smaller turnip, the one on the right, weighed 6 lbs and 4 oz and measured 24" around. Tindol said the turnip patch was planted in an old goose pen!



4-H FOODS AWARDS PROGRAM...Recently, the 4-H Foods Awards Program was held. There were categories in baked foods, dairy foods, and favorite recipes. The participants were: (kneeling, l to r) Joseph Sawyer, Devin Kelley, and Jon Carney, all of New Brockton; (standing, l to r) Mary Schofield and Dennis Busby, both of Kingston, Megahn Lee of Elba, Justin Hughes and Rachel Carroll, both of New Brockton, Jill Jirngirth of Zion Chapel, and Elizabeth Carney of New Brockton. Not pictured are Heath Hughes and Cassidy Kerrigan, both of New Brockton.

National Immunization Week set for April 22-29

President Clinton has proclaimed April 22-29, 1995 as National Immunization Week. The Coffee County Health Department has scheduled an Immunization Walk-In Clinic for April 28, 1995, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Coffee County Health Department. The health department is located at the intersection of Troy Hwy. 167 N. and Coffee County Rd. 700 in Enterprise, AL.

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Kindergarten Registration to be held April 21

Elba Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration Friday, April 21, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Elba Elementary School Conference Room. Parents are urged to register their child on this date. Having an accurate count of the kindergartners for the 1995-96 school year will allow the school to make better plans for these students.

Students must be five years of age on or before September 1, 1995, to be enrolled in the state sponsored kindergarten. Parents must bring their child's certified birth certificate, Social Security card, blue immunization certificate, and pink MMR certificate with them for registration.

The children do not have to come for registration on April 21. Before school starts in August, a special kindergarten orientation will be held for parents and students.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

KEITH J. MARTIN

Keith J. Martin has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program. Martin, a 1994 graduate of Elba High School, Elba, AL, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, OK, in April 1995 to begin military basic training. He enlisted in the Army to take advantage of the Army College Fund, and to travel.

His parents are James W. and Carolyn J. Martin of Elba, AL.

TOBY J. WILKINSON

Army Pvt. Toby J. Wilkinson has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Wilkinson is the son of Charles E. and Willaphane Wilkinson of Enterprise, AL.

The soldier is a 1993 graduate of New Brockton High School.

CHRISTOPHER L. GOOSBY

Air Force Senior Airman Christopher L. Goosby recently was selected as a distinguished graduate of an Air Force summer leadership school at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas.

Distinguished graduates are those ranking in the top ten percent of their class.

The 153-hour course focuses on preparing senior airmen to accept greater responsibilities as leaders, supervisors, and rating officials.

Goosby, a fitness specialist, is the son of Lamar and Juanita Goosby of New Brockton.

He is a 1987 graduate of New Brockton High School.

Jr. Miss & Miss Elba Pageants to be held

The Jr. Miss and Miss Elba pageants will be held April 15, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. Admission to the pageant will be \$4.00 adults and \$2.00 for students and under.

A general meeting will be held April 6, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

The Jr. Miss division is open to girls in grades 7-9 at Elba High School. The Miss division is open to girls age 17-21 (as of 10-1-95) currently attending EHS or former graduate of EHS. The entry fee is \$35.00.

For more information contact Lisa Suley at 897-6763 or Louise Duncan at 897-5803.

Entry forms will be available at EHS April 3rd.

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We pulled out the bats and balls last week, and for the first time ever, it was both Melissa and Melanie that went with Dad to begin softball practice for the season. Melissa has been playing for years and we have practiced thousands of hours hitting and fielding, but Melanie is getting ready for her first season and got in on the action as she threw the ball, stopped a couple of grounders hit by her big sister and hit balls off a tee. Mom helped by serving as an outfielder, but after an hour or two we were all ready for a break, and enjoyed a cool drink of water.

TIGERS CARRY 3-2 RECORD OUT OF AEA BREAK

The Elba Tigers won one and lost one last week in a mini-tournament at Andalusia and will carry a 3-2 record out of the AEA break, heading into the meat of the schedule. While a 3-2 record isn't anything to get excited about, and five games are about a dozen less than most high school teams have played, the wins included decisions over 5A Greenville and 4A T.R. Miller, with the losses coming at the hands of 1A state champion G.W. Long and 5A Andalusia. Hey, maybe the 3-2 record is more impressive than it looks!

Coach David Lowery was worried about his early-season hitting and his pitching staff prior to the start of the season, and while the Tigers did get blanked 5-0 by G.W. Long, they have hit the ball pretty good in most of their games. The Tigers drilled the ball against Greenville and McKenzie, then stunned a powerful T.R. Miller staff by pushing across 10 runs in Elba's biggest win of the young season. Che Vaughan has provided some early punch with 4 home-runs in five games, and teammates Griffin Shirley, Leray Smedley, Chris Tyson and Charles Bozman have all been swinging the bat well. As for the pitching staff, the Tiger hurlers have been a pleasant surprise as Jason Smith, Paul Marsh, Jody Johnson and Che Vaughan have all pitched well to help take the pressure off #1 starter Chris Hudson.

The 3-2 record does prove that the Tigers can win and can once again be contenders for a state title; however, more will be known about Elba in just eight short days, as it plays five games during that eight-day span against such teams as Andalusia, Opp, Arton and area foes Louisville and Laverne. A lot of questions will be answered in the next eight days, and with a little luck, and a lot of effort, the Tigers could come through with flying colors.

COUNTY TEAMS ARE NOW PROVEN WINNERS

Just a few short years ago the sport of baseball was a sport that was not offered to the students in the Coffee County School system. After all, baseball was a sport that loses money, and that term will never be popular with athletic directors or school officials. The decision was made to field baseball teams at all three county schools; however, and in recent years all three schools have developed solid baseball programs that are now on an equal plateau with other 1A and 2A schools across the state. It wasn't easy and the schools have all suffered some lopsided losses along the way, but last year a Zion Chapel student received a baseball scholarship to a junior college, and a number of Kinston players are being recruited this season. The county system is to be commended for offering this opportunity to the students in its schools, and for realizing that there are many more rewards in sports than just the final score on the scoreboard.

SAMS IS STILL HOT BED OF RACING TALENT

I went to the races Saturday night at the South Alabama Motor Speedway, and even though I was bundled up to battle the cold, I still enjoyed the racing action in all seven classes and left convinced that the track has the potential to be a popular place for drivers and fans alike. The .4 mile oval is banked to allow the drivers to reach speeds that make the races competitive, and there isn't a bad seat in the house as all the bleachers are located on the front straightaway that give the fans a view of every inch of the track. I know that many people aren't race fans and will never go out to watch a race, but for those of you that are, or have been race fans, you need to head to Kinston and watch some of the top local drivers go head to head. The excitement will soon return!

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Sports

In Andalusia AEA tournament

Tigers tame T.R. Miller 10-8

The Elba Tigers competed in the Andalusia AEA Baseball Tournament last Monday and claimed one win and one loss to place second in the three-team event.

Andalusia posted two wins to take the tourney title, while T.R. Miller dropped two games to place third.

Following are highlights of Elba's two tournament games:

ELBA 10
T.R. MILLER 8

The Elba Tigers rallied to score six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to outscore the T.R. Miller Tigers 10-8, in the tourney opener.

Miller took advantage of four walks and one hit to grab a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Tigers showed early signs of life at the plate as Griffin Shirley was hit by a pitch, stole second base and then niced home on an rbi single by Che Vaughan.

Elba added a run in the bottom of the third when Leray Smedley singled and raced home on a double by Chris Tyson; however, Miller remained in command and scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a big 7-2 advantage.

Shandez Daniels and Griffin Shirley both singled and later scored in the bottom of the inning

to chop the lead to 7-4, only to see Miller add a run in the top of the sixth to regain control with an 8-4 lead.

Chris Hudson singled to open the bottom of the sixth for the Tigers, but was forced out at second on a fielder's choice, and with one out Elba appeared to be headed for another quick inning.

A double by D'undray Peterson knocked in Todd Hooks to cut the lead to 8-5, and when the Miller first baseman booted a grounder off the bat of Shandez Daniels, Peterson scooted home and the Tigers were within 8-6.

Daniels stole second and raced

home on an rbi single by Leray Smedley as Elba pulled within 8-7, while Smedley also stole second and then came home with the tying run on an rbi single by Griffin Shirley. Che Vaughan followed with a line drive home-run and Elba was in front for the first time in the game at 10-8.

Vaughan shut down Miller in the seventh as the Tigers held on for the wild 10-8 win.

Leray Smedley, Che Vaughan, Chris Tyson and Chris Hudson all had 2 hits for Elba, while Vaughan also got the win on the mound as he pitched 4 innings and allowed only 1 hit, while striking out three.

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ANDALUSIA 13
ELBA 5

The Elba Tigers saw Andalusia score 10 runs in its final three at-bats as the Bulldogs rallied to dump the Tigers 13-5.

Elba grabbed a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Griffin Shirley walked, stole second and scored on an rbi single by Che Vaughan, then regained the lead at 2-1 in the top of the third using the same script, as Shandez Daniels walked, stole second, and raced home on an rbi single, this time off the bat of Shirley.

The Tigers added a lone run in the fourth as Eddie Cowen singled, advanced to second on an error, moved to third on a wild pitch, and came across on a sacrifice fly by Leray Smedley.

The Cowen run pulled the Tigers even at 3-3; however, Andalusia broke loose for two runs in the bottom of the fourth and then plated six runs in the fifth to blow the game open and grab a 11-3 advantage.

Elba was down, but refused to quit, and scored two runs in the sixth to cut the lead to 11-5.

Jason Smith started the late rally when he reached on an error, and then went to second on a single by Shandez Daniels. Both runners then raced home when a fly-ball off the bat of Leray Smedley was mis-played by the Andalusia outfielder, keeping the Tigers' hopes alive.

Andalusia moved ahead 13-5 in the bottom of the inning; however, and the Tigers took the loss 13-5. Griffin Shirley and Eddie Cowen both got 2 hits for Elba.

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DIAMOND DATES

BASEBALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Elba at Louisville (4:00)
New Brockton at McKenzie (3:30)
Kinston vs. Red Level (3:30) LBW

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
Andalusia at Elba (4:00)
Goshen at New Brockton (3:30)
Pleasant Home at Kinston (3:30)

MONDAY, APRIL 10
Arton at Elba (4:00)
Kinston at McKenzie (3:30)

TUESDAY, APRIL 11
Elba at Opp (4:00)
Kinston at New Brockton (3:30)

SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Andalusia at Elba (2) 4:00
Coffee Springs at New Brockton (2) 4:00

MONDAY, APRIL 10
Elba at Laverne (2) 4:00
Houston Academy at New Brockton (2) 3:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 11
Elba at Brantley (2) 4:00
New Brockton at Straughn (2) 4:00

Ottis Johnson
day April 22
in Evergreen

A tribute to Ottis Johnson, who was hit by a pitched ball on June 2, 1951, and died on June 10, is being planned by his family and the Evergreen Recreation Department.

Ottis was a member of the Dothan Browns, a farm team of the St. Louis Browns, now the Baltimore Orioles, when the accident occurred.

The Dothan Browns were a member of the AL-FL Class D League, which was owned by Charles Smith and was owned by Holt (Cat) Milner.

The tribute is to be held at the Evergreen Municipal Park on April 22, 1995, at 1:00 p.m., which is opening day of the Little League Baseball season.

The family is seeking those who played in, were affiliated with, or were fans of the AL-FL League during that era and issues an invitation to them to attend this ceremony. Anyone who is interested in attending the event should contact Ottis's brother, Edsel Johnson, Sr., at 334-578-4425 or Edsel Johnson, Jr., at 334-793-7937.



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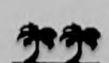
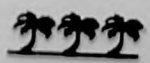
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Members of the Ray Eiland "Racing Family" were all smiles last Saturday night after seeing Ray Eiland take his third checkered flag of the season at the South Alabama Motor Speedway. Eiland claimed the win in the 25-lap feature event for Mini-Stocks.



T.J. Chandler, of Elba, and his crew were happy after taking third place in the Hogg feature last weekend at the South Alabama Motor Speedway, in Kinston.

Horse show set for Brewton

The Circle J Arena and Saddle Club, Brewton, Alabama, will be having an Open Horse Show on Saturday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Jackpot barrels begin at 9:00 p.m., sharp!

All timed events will use double electronic light. Fun for the kids

will include a goat scramble and balloon burst. Concessions will be available.

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Elba to host tourney Saturday

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host its "Spring Slam '95" on Saturday, April 8, at Hawkins-Williams Park.

The entry fee for the tournament will be \$125 and the field will be limited to the first 12 entries.

There will be no home-run rule

in the event, with teams allowed to hit an unlimited number of home-runs, and trophies will go to the top 4 teams, the MVP and the home-run leader. T-shirts will also be given to members of the winning team.

ASA Umpire-In-Chief Tom Woods will be present at the meeting to conduct a softball rules clinic and to administer the 1995 ASA softball umpires national test. The fee for the test will be \$35.

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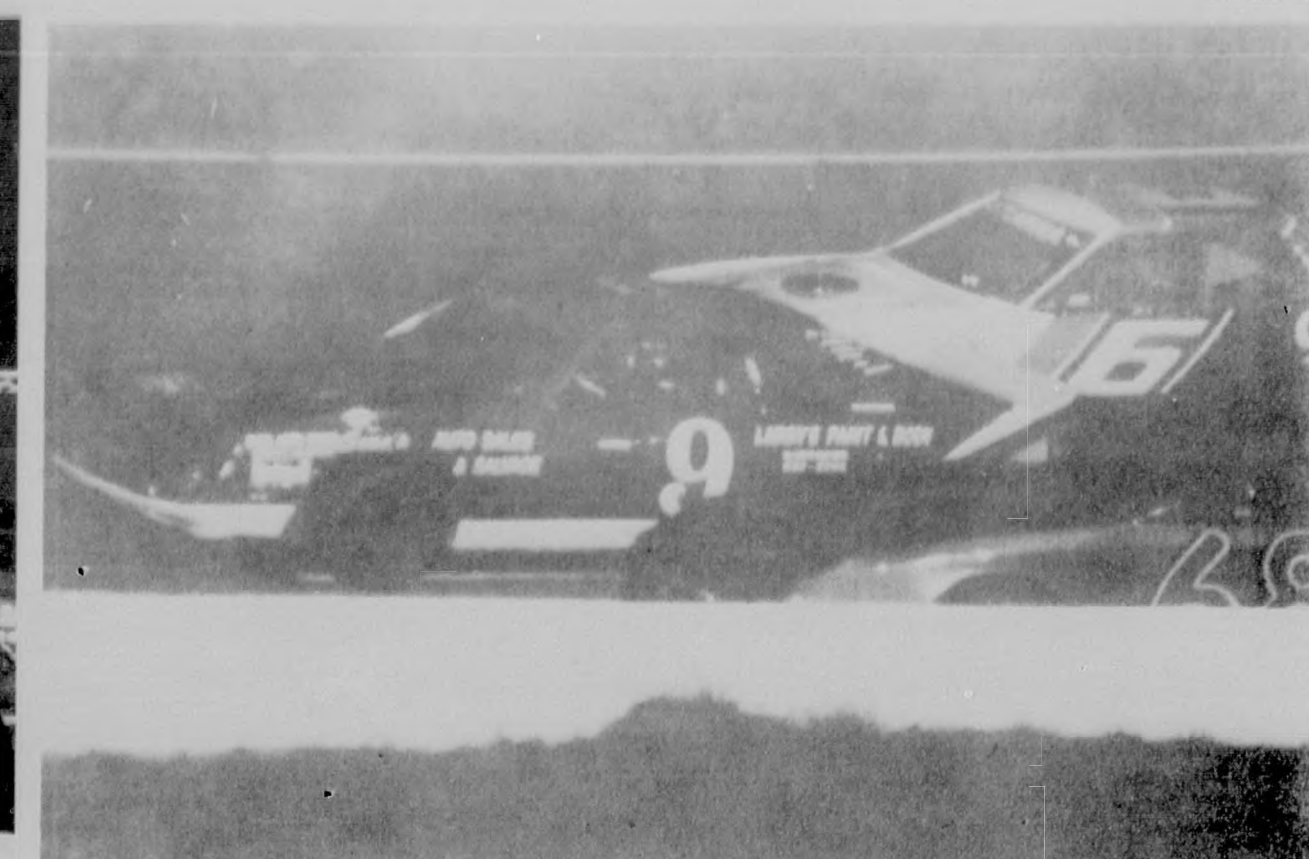
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Ray Eiland's #9 car noses out in front coming out of turn four and heads for the checkered flag in the Mini-Stock feature race at the South Alabama Motor Speedway during racing action on April 1. Eiland, of Elba, claimed his third win of the young season.

Gets third win of racing season

Elba's Eiland enjoys winning night

The South Alabama Motor Speedway held its first weekend of "Racing Under the Lights" last Saturday night and the large crowd in attendance witnessed exciting action as 25-lap feature races were held in all seven classifications.

The night's action began with the MINI-STOCK feature, and taking the checkered flag was Elba's own Ray Eiland, followed across the finish line in order by Tim Driscoll, of Enterprise, and Aquiles Ramirez, of Ft. Rucker.

It was the third win of the young season for Eiland, who drives a car co-sponsored by Gene's Auto Sales and Larry's Paint and Body.

"Racing is different at night," said Eiland, "but I would rather drive at night, and my car is faster due to the cooler temperatures. Once you get the tires warmed up the cars handle the same, and tonight I was able to get a jump on the re-start and hold on for the

win." Other feature winners in the classes included:

SCRAMBLER
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2nd-Wayne Slawson, Enterprise
3rd-David Cooper, Enterprise

HOGG
1st-John Dykes, Ozark
2nd-Brian Franz, Kinston

3rd-T.J. Chandler, Elba
PURE-STOCK
1st-Eugene Bell, Enterprise
2nd-Steven Dean, Friendship
3rd-Dale Watson, Brantley

SUPER-STOCK GT
1st-Dennis Bell, Enterprise
2nd-Gary Anderson, Opp
3rd-Tommy Adams, New Brockton

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1st-Denny Perkins, Brundidge

2nd-Kelley Willoughby, Arton
3rd-Johnny Perkins, Brundidge
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2nd-Tim Lynn, Dothan
3rd-Chad Short, Andalusia

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Dale/Coffee Counties receive funding for diversification strategies

Last week, Governor Fob James announced the funding of a Department of Defense (DOD) Economic Diversification Strategy grant. The grant funded through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will be administered by the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission who will advise local economic managers to implement the project. Preliminary meetings have involved economic development persons representing Dale and Coffee counties, SEARPC staff, and a representative from the Economic Adjustment Authority of Calhoun County. Mr. Rudy Knoll, Calhoun County is currently implementing such a program.

According to Fred Dykes, Executive Director of SEARPC/DC, the grant provides for a thorough analysis of local economies, considers programs and activities that can improve and diversify economies, seeks to facilitate technology transfer from Federal Labs, and sets the stage for economic growth. Two special studies are planned for a labor analysis and industrial targeting. Others may be incorporated in the plan. A total of \$125,000 is budgeted for the study and program implementation.

Local officials will begin establishing Task Forces of area citizens to begin the project. The project manager will work with local leadership and the task forces to develop the diversification strategy. The DOD grant is a part of the government's efforts to mitigate the impacts of the military downsizing. Ft. Kucker, though not on the base closure list, is experiencing "downsizing". Officials are hopeful that the processes involved in the development of this strategy will produce new opportunities for area citizens and result in the creation of new jobs for the area.

For more information concerning the program, contact SEARPC/DC at 774-3300, Bob Bunting in Ozark at 774-3300, Mr. Jeff Moon in Daleville at 598-2345, Dr. Tim Allford in Enterprise at 347-0581, or Barbara Hudson in Elba at 897-3125.

American Red Cross CPR Classes to be offered

The American Red Cross is offering CPR classes to the public, April 10-13. Class times are as follows: April 10, 5:30-9:30, Adult CPR; April 11, 5:30-9:30, Adult CPR; April 12, 5:30-9:30, First Aid; April 13, 5:30-9:30, Infant & Child CPR. There is a \$25 registration fee which includes the cost of workbook and course instruction. Registration for the class may be completed at the Red Cross office, located in the Civic Center, downtown Enterprise.

Team Penning classes to be available

The Alabama Team Penning Association will sponsor Open Team Penning. Classes include: Open, Jackpot, Sorting, Novice, and Arena Race. The event will be held April 8, 1995 at 1:00 p.m., New Brockton Covered Arena in New Brockton, AL. For more information contact Howard Tatum at 598-3533; Kim Hanchey at 493-9751; or Ron Gregory at 277-1575.

Short Courses being offered for spring quarter at AATC

There's still time to register for aviation short courses at Alabama Aviation and Technical College (AATC). Registration procedures are simple, and may be completed up to the day before class begins.

Aircraft Blueprint Reading (AMM 1151) will be offered 5:00-9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This four-credit-hour class will begin May 1 and will run through May 18. This course familiarizes students with the proper techniques to successfully read and interpret blueprints. The course also familiarizes students with the use of Air Transport Association (ATA) Codes and multiple series aircraft blueprints. The course focuses on Douglas aircraft blueprints.

Aircraft Welding (AMT 2230) will be offered from 1:15-3:05 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning April 10 and running through May 2. This course is a study of oxyacetylene welding on steel alloys and the principles of electric arc welding, heliarc welding, soldering, and brazing. The course includes practice in welding techniques.

FCC Rules and Regulations (AVT 2265) will be offered from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays beginning April 8 and running through May 6. This two-credit-hour course will also be offered from 6:15-9:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday beginning May 2 and running through May 17. This course provides instruction on the pertinent rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as they relate to the practice of avionics and electronics within the aviation industry and provides information necessary to prepare for the FCC examination.

Introduction to Aviation (AMT 1115/AVT 1115) will be offered from 6:00-7:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday beginning April 17 and running through May 18. This course is an introduction to the field of aviation. It covers the historical development of aviation, the fundamental theories of flight, the basics of aircraft structure and capabilities, and the social, economic, and environmental impacts of aviation on society.

For more information on registration, contact Mr. Bob Miller at (334) 774-5113, ext. 220, or 1-800-624-3468, ext. 220.

AREA DEATHS

LESSIE GRANT ANDRESS

Lessie Grant Andress, age 93 of Troy, Alabama, died Wednesday, March 29, 1995 in a Dothan, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 31, 1995 from the Chapel of Dillard Funeral Home with Rev. David Layton officiating.

Burial followed in the Green Hills Memorial Park with Dillard Funeral Home officiating.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Dyess of Elba, AL; several nieces and nephews.

LUKE SIMMONS, SR.

Luke Simmons, Sr., passed away in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, April 1, 1995.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Virgil Coleman Mortuary.

RUTH JANE JACKSON

Ruth Jane Jackson, age 74 of Brantley, Alabama, died Sunday, April 2, 1995 in a Luverne, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 4, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Hewey Anderson officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters, Marie McCall of Paxton, Florida, Shirley Berry of Elba, AL, and Mary Nelson of Brantley, AL; a son, James Douglas Bowden of Elba, AL; three sisters, Ella Fair Padgett of Tusculville, FL, Maudie Lee Diehl of Red Level, AL, and Annie Jewel Hewitt of Virginia; two brothers, Willie Boswell of Ozark, AL and Lester Boswell of Salinas, California; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

WILLIAM GARFIELD BOOTHE

William Garfield Boothe, age 92 of Brantley, Alabama, died Wednesday, March 29, 1995 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 31, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. J.P. Morgan officiating.

Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a son, Wiley Willard Boothe of Brantley, AL; a sister, Evie Dean Tillery of Plant City, Florida; three grandchildren.

ROSA BERNICE ASKEW HERRING

Rosa Bernice Askew Herring, age 68, passed away Thursday, March 30, 1995 in Newark, New Jersey.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 1995 at Mount Calvary Cemetery, with Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating.

Virgil Coleman Mortuary directed the services.

Survivors include four children: Evelyn Ralsah (Stanley) Myers and John White, both of Newark, NJ; Barbara (Frank) Brown of Portsmouth, Virginia; and Yvonne (Jimmy) Jones of Enterprise, Alabama; five grandchildren, Rashid, Sakeneh, and Khairah Myers, John LeGrier White, all of Newark, NJ and Yameka Jones of Enterprise, AL; three sisters, Alberta Daniels of Elba, AL, Relda Askew of New Brockton, AL, and Annie Lois Hooks of Enterprise, AL; two brothers, Marvin Askew of Elba, AL and Earl Askew of Hallsboro, North Carolina; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

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CITY FATHERS VOTE TO DONATE \$2,500 TO FRIENDS OF FT. RUCKER

Council declares emergency buys dump truck

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council declared an emergency Monday evening and gave City Clerk Henry Clark authority to purchase a dump truck with taking bids.

Clark requested the action, citing the fact the city is without a working dump truck. He explained it would take 10 or 12 weeks to take bids, and for the successful bidder to order a dump truck according to bid specifications.

The clerk said prices on dump trucks ranged from \$32,000 to \$40,000. He told council members to could purchase a truck in Enterprise for about \$32,000 and have it working within two weeks.

The vote to declare the emergency was unanimous. Councilman Bill Brunson noted the street department was below budgeted expenditures and could fund the purchase.

Police Chief Maxwell Hooks reported the department responded to 17 complaints during the past two weeks. They issued nine traffic citations, including one for DUI.

There were 14 criminal arrests and officers investigated two automobile accidents, with one injury.

The animal control officer picked up 16 dogs. One was returned to the owner and one was sold.

Hooks reported on a meeting with the District Attorney's office, dealing with the drug task force grant, funded through the DA's office.

He recommended the council approve resumption of the 75-25% funding as offered by the District Attorney. It would exclude Elba from sharing in the seizure and forfeiture funds until the DA's office had recouped the amount Elba received from the large drug bust made by State Trooper R. W. Whitworth.

The council took no action. They asked Mayor Ricky Haywood to check with ADECA, which funds the grant.

Monthly bills totaling \$12,517.15 were approved for payment. This included \$4,296.68 for equipment repairs and parts; \$414.73 for asphalt mix; \$284.20 for sewer solvent and \$548.08 for street signs.

Frederick Hamilton, of Southeast AL Regional Planning Commission reported to the council that the \$344,500 project to install automatic pumps off Putnam Street was progressing. He said the city would have to match with \$86,125, but most could be "in kind."

The pumps would be to get potential flood waters over the levee during times when Pea River is high and the butterfly flood gates under the levee closed.

Council member Bill Brunson gave a finance committee report and recommended the council fund two projects.

The public library is eligible for a \$3,000 grant, which would cost the

city \$1,000. Brunson noted the library was below budget and the city could fund the project. It was approved unanimously.

Friends of Ft. Rucker had requested funds to help save Rucker from the federal closure commission. Brunson said the budget could handle up to \$2,500 for this purpose.

Haywood recommended the council go along with the suggestion of the finance committee. He also challenged the Chamber of Commerce and local merchants to match this \$2,500.

The council voted to fund the project on a motion by John W. Sharpless. However Sharpless asked that the city clerk check with the Alabama League on the validity of this use of funds before writing a check.

Reverend Aubrey Williams was appointed to a full five year term on the Elba-School Board. He is presently serving the unexpired term of Mrs. Shirley Belcher, who resigned when she moved out of the school district.

Ronnie Young and Marty Catlett were appointed to the Industrial Development Board, replacing Mickey Murdock and Sam Collier. Both had asked they not be reappointed.

Robert Cannon was reappointed to another term on the Industrial Board.

No appointments were made to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. It was decided they would wait until

County business does not take long

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Only one bid was received on a boom cutter to be used on county road right-of-ways. Joe Money Machinery of Montgomery submitted the lone bid of \$17,500.00.

County Engineer Randall Tindell told commissioners that the bid was in line on that type of equipment and recommended they accept the bid.

Sealed bids were opened on five automobiles and one five wheeler all terrain vehicle (ATV).

High bidder on a 1984 Olds Delta 88 and a 1986 Chevrolet Caprice was Charlie Webb. His bids were \$526 and \$371 respectively.

Mark Pool was high bidder on a

1982 Camaro with a bid of \$329.00.

Submitting the high bid of \$489.00 on the John Deere 5-wheeler was Craig Burghardt.

Roy Childs got the 1989 Chevrolet Caprice with a bid of \$189.00 and the 1988 Ford LTD for \$122.10.

The commissioners accepted the high bid on all the items.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley, upon receipt of a recommendation from the Association of County Commissioners (ACC), suggested that the commissioners pass a proposal ready for the council to consider.

After several minutes of discussion and examination of the proposal, the council approved the revision of the pay scale.

Only one council member, Robert Miles, opposed the change. Miles stated that he was certainly not against police officers having a raise, but he just didn't agree with this particular proposal.

Commission recognizes Judge Brunson

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The former Coffee County Judge of Probate, Marion B. Brunson, was recognized for his many years of service to the county in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

Reading from a resolution adopted by the commission on November 28, 1994, Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel commended Brunson for his service to Coffee County and its citizens.

Brunson served the county as Probate Judge for twelve years, six of which were as chairman of the commission.

He was further recognized as a native born Coffee County son, with a long line of ancestors who were pioneers and residents of the county.

The proclamation noted that Brunson was a product of the public education system of Coffee County and served as a teacher, principal, and supporter of the county, Elba, and Enterprise school systems.

Brunson's service on the Pea River Historical Society and Genealogical Society, Enterprise YMCA, Coffee County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and as a leader in his church was also recognized.

Finally, the proclamation stated, "Marion B. Brunson has served Coffee County and its citizens in many constructive and admirable ways, contributing to the welfare and well-being of Coffee County, and its citizens."

Accompanying Judge Brunson was his son Matthew "Matt" Brunson.



JUDGE MARION BRUNSON...is shown above accepting a proclamation from Coffee County Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel (right). The former probate judge was recognized and commended for his service to the citizens of Coffee County. Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Wendell Black, Randy Lunsford, and Jack Hanson look on during the presentation.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

MISS ELBA PAGEANT. The annual Junior Miss & Miss Elba Pageants will be held Saturday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. The pageants are being sponsored by the Elba Jaycees. Admission will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

CINNAMON. The Elba Concerned Citizens will be putting on the play "Cinnamon" at the Elba High School auditorium on Friday, April 14, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 adult and \$2.00 children. For ticket information, call 897-8411 or 897-5581. Tickets will be also be available at the door.



DAY OF SUPPORT PROCLAIMED. by Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood for the Elba Concerned Citizens. The group is presenting the play "CINNAMON" on Friday, April 14, at the EHS auditorium. All proceeds will go toward charities, the special education classes at the Elba schools, the Salvation Army and the Community Music Choir. Those present at the proclamation signing are pictured above (l-r): front row - Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Juanita Scott, Elba Concerned Citizen; Ricky Haywood, Mayor of Elba; Myra Riley, Elba Concerned Citizen; back row - B.F. Garth, Elba Concerned Citizen; Fredrick Grasse, Elba Concerned Citizen; and Herby McCall, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

New Brockton policemen get pay hike

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

New Brockton's town council meeting lasted almost two hours Monday evening, but since going to a once-a-month meeting, it takes a little longer to conduct routine business.

There was some good news for the town's police officers and prospective officers.

Councilman Charles Cole, who serves as police commissioner, expressed his concern over police officers leaving and taking jobs with other towns.

"I don't blame them for doing so," said Cole. "After all, they are in the profession not only to serve, but to make a living."

"We need to look into raising our pay scale," Cole said.

The other council members, and Mayor Kathryn Holley, expressed the same concerns as Cole.

It seems that Cole and Police Chief Charles Driggers had been doing their homework and they had a proposal ready for the council to consider.

After several minutes of discussion and examination of the proposal, the council approved the revision of the pay scale.

Only one council member, Robert Miles, opposed the change. Miles stated that he was certainly not against police officers having a raise, but he just didn't agree with this particular proposal.

The fire department responded to 3 fires, while the rescue squad made 10 runs.

Turning to other matters of business,

the council passed and signed two resolutions.

The first resolution was to enter into a contract with Pash & Co. to collect the town's sales tax. A representative from the company presented a proposal to the council in the March 6 meeting. The terms of the agreement between the town and Pash is per that proposal.

Resolution number two was to proceed with the application for a grant to improve the town's sewer system. Ewing-Comer & Associates, Inc. (Eric Johnson, project coordinator) is handling the grant application process.

The total amount of funds being requested by the town is \$412,500.00. The town's matching share of the grant will be \$150,000, which will be borrowed from FHA.

The resolution also gave Mayor Holley the authority to act as the town's agent in signing all necessary paperwork to receive the Community Development Block Grant.

Other action taken by the council consisted of the following:

***Approved monthly bills totaling \$5,726.20.

***Agreed to send the police graduates. "Excellent for a 3-A school," the superintendent added. He continued, "Our students not only excel in sports, but in clubs and math and English competitions."

Elba will participate in the Stan-

Turning to other matters of business,

Elba BOE strengthens grading system

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board took action last week to join many other schools and strengthen the grading system.

Beginning next year, to earn an "A" a student must make 92 or above, 83 to 91 will result in a "B" while grades from 74 to 82 will show up as a "C". If the grade drops into a range of 65 to 73 it will be "D" and below 65 will result in those one-legged A's, commonly called "F's."

Superintendent Charles Pearce said a committee of parents and teachers had studied the change and accepted it.

Previous grades will be "grandfathered in" he explained, thus not hurting students with lowered grades.

Pearce assured board members that testing would not be "watered down" to help students maintain the higher grades. He explained the change is necessary to match with other grading scales across the nation.

Kevin Killingsworth was hired as physical education/assistant coach. Killingsworth, an Elba graduate, had been working in Enterprise. Editor's Note: A complete write-up on this young man can be found on the sports page.

The position of basketball coach/driver's ed instructor will be filled later.

Summer school will again be offered in both the elementary and high school.

The elementary program will be funded under Chapter 1 and possibly some additional optional classes for fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

High school classes in driver's ed, English and possibly a math class will be available. These will cost each student about \$70 per class, which will be used to pay the teacher.

Board members asked about the possibility of adding a computer class which has been popular in the past. Pearce said it would be looked into.

"We need to be telling the public the good things we are doing," he added.

Community relations and support should be a primary project for school administrators, teachers and board members, Pearce said.

The DARE program and the PALS program are having a positive impact on the students, Pearce said.

He noted the number of scholarships (percentage) received by Elba

graduates. "Excellent for a 3-A school," the superintendent added. He continued, "Our students not only excel in sports, but in clubs and math and English competitions."

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Turning to other matters of business,

Robert Earl Council, 20, was sentenced to life without parole Monday in connection with the July 1994 shooting death of Ronald Talmadge Henderson. He was charged with capital murder.

The murder occurred during a 1994 robbery when Henderson's vehicle was fired upon. Also charged with capital murder in the shooting incident are: Willie Lourawels Adams, 21, and Dale Edward Green 38. They are awaiting trial. All three men, including the victim, are and were residents of Enterprise.

Larry Junior Brooks, 32, also of Enterprise is charged with hindering prosecution in the case.

He noted the number of scholarships (percentage) received by Elba